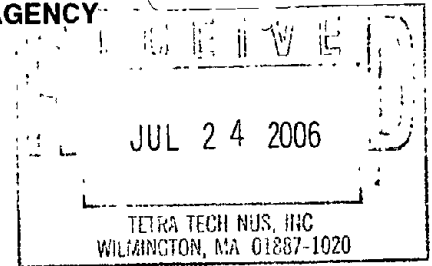




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Re: Soil Management Plan for the Demolition of the Melville Water Tower

Dear Mr. Colter:

EPA reviewed the *Soil Management Plan for the Demolition of the Melville Water Tower* dated July 17, 2006. This plan is limited to soil management (erosion and dust control) and does not include soil excavation specifics such as the volume of soil expected to be removed, the depth of the excavation, confirmation sampling or waste characterization.

The fourth paragraph on the first page of this Plan indicates that work practices will be performed in accordance with 40 C.F.R. Part 745. There are other pertinent regulations that may apply. Namely, 29 C.F.R. 1926.62, which is the OSHA Lead in Construction regulation, and the "Exterior Lead Paint Removal Certification Program" enforced by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. More information pertaining to the Rhode Island program is available at www.dem.ri.gov/program/benviron/assist/extlead/index.htm.

The text is clear that work practices will be conducted in accordance with 40 C.F.R. 745. However, daily monitoring or "clearance" testing proposed to ensure that emissions from demolition activities are not negatively impacting the air quality in the surrounding areas is not described in the plan. Please include this information or provide a reference to another plan that describes the air monitoring to be conducted during soil excavation and demolition activity.

I look forward to working with you and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management toward the cleanup of the Melville Water Tower. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 918-1385 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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